

House Resolution No. 4825

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Lena "Edith" Houk, a treasured resident of Cole Camp, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on October 13, 2007, with a festive family celebration to be held with her family; and

Whereas, Edith Houk came into this world at home in Creighton on October 14, 1917, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Benjamin Owen Byers and Lena Ade Byers, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Edith embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Walter E. Houk Sr., a kind and loving gentleman with whom she ran the family dairy farm, with milk sent to Clinton for processing and on to Wisconsin and the KRAFT Company in Warsaw; and

Whereas, a cafeteria cook at Clinton Senior High School for nine years, Edith Houk compiled an enviable list of service to her community as a 4-H Leader and Judge at a voting precinct in Henry County; and

Whereas, Edith Houk has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her five children, Loretta J. Webb, Walter E. Houk, Jr., Richard E. Houk, Linda J. Hessenflow, and Phillip R. Houk; and her eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now ninety years young, Edith Houk faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Edith Houk as she proudly celebrates ninety years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Lena "Edith" Houk, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Self
District No. 116

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4825, adopted September 21, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker